

Tupelo Soil and Water Conservation District

January 23, 2023

Members present: Jerry Gaskin, Dave Davis, and Joe Danford

Members not present: Gil Shealy and Graham Dozier

Other present: Cathy Davis, and Scott Williams

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Gaskin. The minutes from the May 17, 2023, meeting was reviewed, and a motion was made by Joe Danford to approve the minutes, Dave Davis seconded they motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given, the balance in the checking account is \$20.49 and savings is \$2,137.21.

Scott Williams, acting District Conservationist gave an overview of the activity in the Blountstown Field Office. The office has 28 Environmental Qualities Incentive Program (EQIP) applications in total estimated \$1,61 million. 2022 EQIP our office cost shared \$1.45 Million, treating 4,695 acres. Area I, cost shared \$13.2 million, and the State of Florida cost shared \$25.7 million.

Hilary's position of District Conservationist position opened January 17<sup>th</sup> and will close Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Scott is applying for the position.

We held the Local Workgroup Meeting October 20<sup>th</sup>, our priorities stayed about the same with Forestry remaining the highest priority.

The board was reminded of the Association of Florida Conservation Districts Annual Meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> and Dave will invite Cody Bidwell the Wewa Ag Teacher to attend the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.